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AIR FORCE - MR. SHRONTZ

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SUBJ: F-104 REPLACEMENT

1. RENNER IS AUTHORIZED WRITE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL
LETTER TO BOLAND AT THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.

2. QUOTE IN RESPONSE TO YOUR RECENT INQUIRY CONCERNING
AN ASPECT OF THE UNITED STATES INDUSTRIAL PARTICIPATION
AND CO-PRODUCTION PROPOSALS FOR THE MULTINATIONAL FIGHTER
PROGRAM, I HAVE CONSULTED WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES
IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE. I HAVE BEEN ASKED TO CONVEY
TO YOU THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS WILLING TO CON-
SIDER FAVORABLY EXCEPTIONS TO THE APPLICABILITY OF THE
"REASONABLY COMPETITIVE" CRITERION ESTABLISHED FOR NORMAL
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CO-PRODUCTION AND OFFSET PROGRAM FOR
THAT PORTION OF THE UNITED STATES UNDERTAKINGS RELATED TO
THE FORTY PERCENT TARGET ONLY.

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3. QUOTE THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE RECOGNIZES YOUR AIM OF ACHIEVING AND MAINTAINING A HIGH LEVEL OF EMPLOYMENT AND, IF REQUESTED, THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL WAIVE THE "REASONABLY COMPETITIVE" CRITERION PROVIDED THAT IN DOING SO ANY ADDITIONAL COSTS RESULTING FROM THIS ACTION WILL BE BORNE BY THE PARTICIPATING GOVERNMENTS WHICH MAY WISH TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THE REQUEST FOR WAIVER. SUCH ADDITIONAL COSTS COULD OF COURSE RESULT IN AN APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT TO THE MULTINATIONAL FIGHTER PROGRAM "NOT TO EXCEED" PRICES.

4. QUOTE THE SPECIFIC DETAILS AND LANGUAGE OF THIS ASPECT CAN BEST BE TAKEN UP WHEN THE TIME COMES TO NEGOTIATE THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING.

5. QUOTE SECRETARY SHRONTZ ASKED ME TO CONVEY HIS GOOD WISHES TO YOU. SINCERELY. UNQUOTE.

6. THIS CONFIRMS EMBASSY'S PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE AIR FORCE SHRONTZ ON THIS SUBJECT. KISSINGER

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